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Theodore Disharoon House
Quantico
Private

c. 1880-90

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: THEODORE DISHAROON HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-180

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE, 1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-180

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic THEODORE DISHAROON HOUSE

and/or common Couch-Horseman House

2. Location

street & number West side of Main Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Quantico ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James L. McNaughton

street & number P. O. Box 1992 telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21803

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1048

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 771

city, town Salisbury state MD 21803

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Theodore Disharoon house, historically labeled as the Couch-Horseman house, stands on the west side of Main Street at the south end of Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame dwelling faces east with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1880-90, this two-story, center hall frame dwelling is supported by a low brick foundation and it is sheathed with a layer of vinyl siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a story-and-a-half kitchen wing.

The east (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center six-panel door entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The windows have vinyl shutters. Rising through the center of the house is a single brick stove chimney that protrudes through the roof. A second stack on the north side of the hall has been removed below the roofline.

The north and south gable ends are essentially alike with single two-over-two sash windows lighting the first and second floors.

The west side of the main block is partially covered by the story-and-a-half rear wing, which is extended on the south side by a shed roofed porch.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

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The house is classified under Category C, which identifies buildings where alterations should be considered carefully since it is a structure that adjoins a property listed in the A or B category and whose impact and potential impact as a contributor to the character of the district must be examined.

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Quantico
Private

1048/771 Bufford Lee Vaughn, Jr.
 Linda C. Vaughn

to

10/17/1985 James C. McNaughton

AJS 970/291 Charles R. Smith, Jr.
 Lena B. Smith

to

2/19/1982 Bufford L. Vaughn, Jr.
 Linda C. Vaughn

AJS 883/192 R. Vaughn Horseman
 Stella A. Horseman

to

9/8/1977 Charles R. Smith, Jr.
 Lena B. Smith

JWTS 791/404 Emilyne T. Couch, Personal Representative
 of Elizabeth Horseman Couch

to

5/31/1973 R. Vaughn Horseman
 Stella A. Horseman

JWTS 352/170 Juanita M. Jones

to

11/5/1953 William Thomas Couch, Sr.
 Elizabeth Horseman Couch
 Assumption of mortgage made by William Thomas
 Couch, Sr. and Elizabeth Horseman Couch
 to Watson D. Mitchell, 5/19/1949, JWTS 312/217

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Chain of title

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Mortgage
312/217

William T. Couch, Sr.
Elizabeth Couch

to

5/19/1949

Watson D. Mitchell

JCK 146/233

John B. Parsons Salisbury Home for the Aged

to

11/13/1926

William T. Couch, Sr.

Whereas Eliz. B. Disharoon, by deed dated
May 27, 1926 JCK 144/224

JCK 144/224

Elizabeth B. Disharoon

to

5/27/1926

Salisbury Home for the Aged

JTT 9/296

Robert B. Tainter
Sallie F. Tainter

to

10/20/1892

Eliabeth B. Disharoon

part of the Quantico Hotel lot and was
purchased by Thomas B. Gordy from Levin
T. H. Irving

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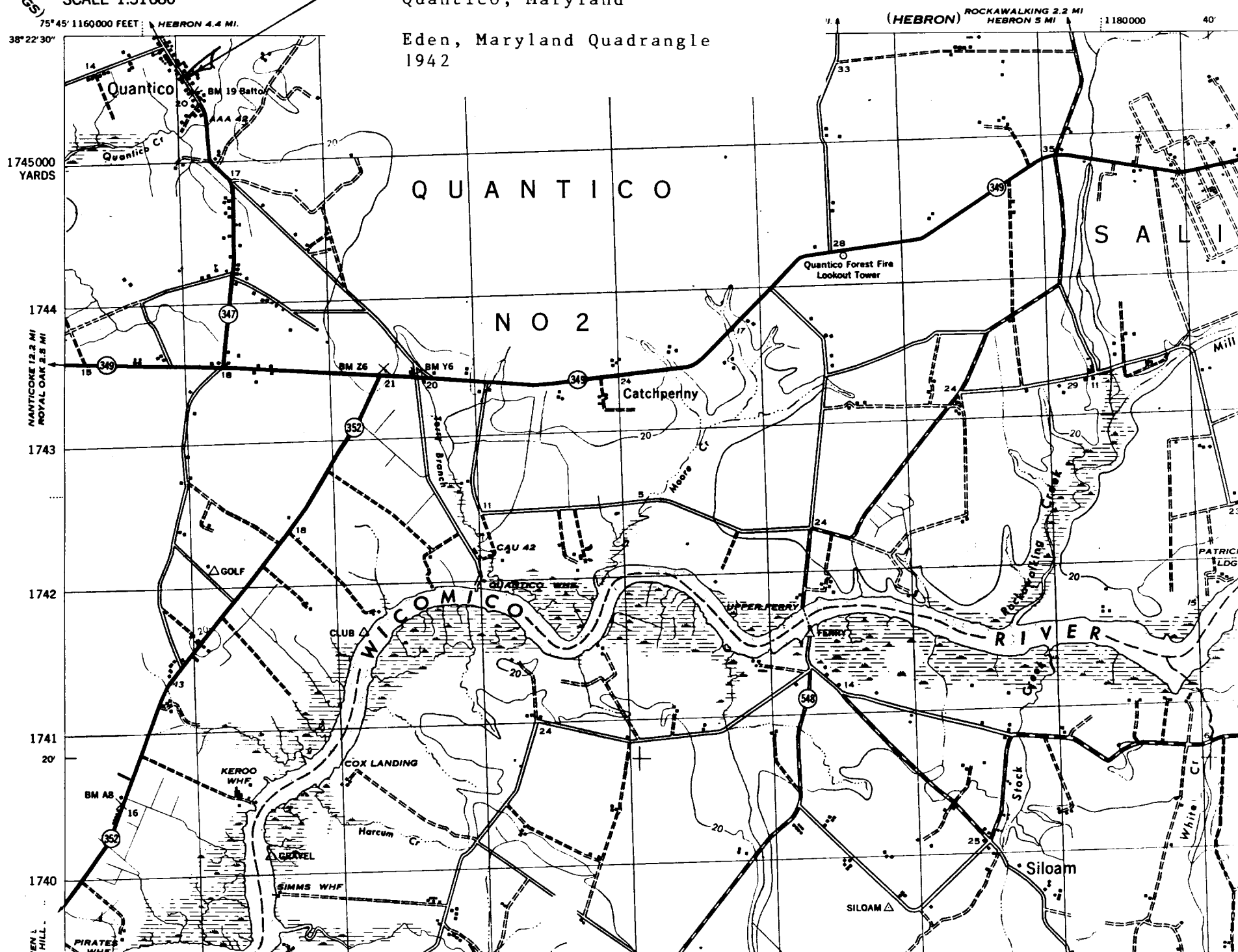
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MARYLAND
SCALE 1:31680

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WAR DEPARTMENT
S OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY

Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
1942





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THE MORE DISHES IN HOUSE

Quarry, Wisconsin County, May 1893

EAST ELEVATION

10/93, PAUL TOURNE, PHOTOGRAPHER

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